

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall & Virtual
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: July 13, 2020, July 27, 2020, July 30, 2020
- 3) Road Report
 - York Street Extension
 - Endless Brook Road embankment stabilization
- 4) Public Comments and Concerns
 - East Poultney Gorge bridge – single travel vs. double travel and other safety measures
 - Concerns re: scheduling and prioritizing of Highway Department
 - Hank Ziegler, water from neighbor’s property and request for zoning or code enforcement
 - Maslack parcel – Lilly Pond
- 5) Town Manager’s Report
 - Tax bills printing (NEMRC meeting 8-11-20)
 - Slate Quarry Park bid
 - Ames Hollow Road reclassification
 - Local Hazard Mitigation Plan adoption
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Health Officer’s Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams, George Miller, Carol Bunce, and Sheryl Porrier. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Ron Kelley, Highway Foreman, Aaron Kerber, Fire Chief, Caleb Kerber, Nan Greer, Kim Ragonet, Frank Pauze, Lori and Earl Provin, Jonathan Taylor, Carmie Haley, Erica and TJ Coloutti, and Jane Williams.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carol Bunce made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2020. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2020. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of July 30, 2020. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Discussion re: East Poultney Gorge Bridge and one lane vs. two lane. Mr. Taylor had provided a survey showing participants being in favor of a one-way bridge and other additional safety measures. Mr. Donaldson has circulated that petition to the board and the board wishes to review the same and continue the bridge discussion to some meeting later. Members of the public present stated their desire for the board to decide on certain features of the bridge (one-way vs. two-way, bollards, traffic signs, flashing lights, etc.) sooner rather than later and does not want the board to prolong this matter too far into the future.

Paul Donaldson stated a member of the public has requested that the Highway Crew do a better job on prioritizing and scheduling for highway projects.

Paul Donaldson stated he has had some discussions with two neighbors regarding water issues, and that he has advised these parties this is a dispute between neighbors that does not rise to a zoning enforcement issue.

Paul Donaldson provided an email from Mr. Maslack asking if the town would accept, as a gift, a sliver of land on Lilly Pond that adjoins the town property there. Paul Donaldson to discuss with lister's office and others.

Jeff King stated his neighbor has complained about Jeff playing his guitar too loud outside during the day.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley reported York Street Extension work is completed, with paving finished last week, ANR has approved the work and is happy with the result.

The Endless Brook Road project is mostly complete and ANR has been monitoring the work and is pleased with the progress.

The crew has been on Hillside ditching and roadside mowing, grading.

Ron has spoken with Western Star about purchasing a new truck. Outfitted the cost is \$207,930 (128,430 for the truck, and 79,500 for equipment).

There was no road damage from the recent rain we had.

The crew has helped the clerk's office set up for the election, and Carol Bunce extended thanks to the crew for their help on behalf of the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson stated that he has a meeting scheduled with NEMRC to go over the tax rate, and grand list and generate tax bills this week either Tuesday or Thursday.

Folks at the Slate Quarry Park Group continue to work the numbers and project in the hopes to resubmit the project for bid proposals.

Paul Donaldson has had some conversations with counsel re: Ames Hollow Road reclassification, and continues to explore options to present to the board and the public.

Paul Donaldson presented the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan adoption to be signed by Jeff King as discussed in previous meetings.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: None.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: None.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders: Sheryl Porrier made a motion to pay board orders. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: George Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheryl Porrier seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson